

ORAL HISTORY OF HELEN SIMMONS

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This is Susan Merrell with the Uintah County Library Regional History Center. I'm here today at the home of Farrell and **Helen Simmons** in Tridell, Utah. Today **is November 6, 2008** and it's a beautiful fall afternoon. We'd like to start by asking Helen if she would tell us some of the memories that she has growing up.

Helen: Well, do you want to start with where I was born?

Susan: That's fine, yes.

Helen: Ok, I was born on this same place where we're living, in a log house that had a dirt roof on it, on September 16, 1921. And I was a premature baby and they said I only weighed four pounds and the doctor that attended by mother said, oh, she'll die in a few hours so we'll just forget about her. But my grandmother was such a good woman that she just took over then and they took me and took care of me, her and her sister did. That was grandmother, Mary Glines, and she, they took care of me and got me through the first two days and then I was fine.

Susan: No problems or

Helen: No problems.

Susan: Well that's great.

Helen: And by the time I was a year old, why I was uhh, I was the natural weight of a child should be at that age. Then do you want me to go on from there, let's see.

Susan: All right. Tell us a little bit about your family.

Helen: My family, I was...

Susan: Were you the oldest or...?

Helen: Well, umm, my mother was uhh, my father was James Burtrum Harvey and my mother was Ethel Diantha Glines and of course the Glines came from Vernal where they were well known at that time, cause my great-grandfather was what Glines Ward was named after.

Susan: Oh

Helen: I can't think what I want to say. But they, yeah, I, they had a baby boy that was born before I was but when he was nine months old, he got pneumonia and whooping cough and died, so they were quite thrilled when they kept me alive.

Susan: I bet.

Helen: And I kept on growing, so I was their second child. And then as we grew up on the farm and did uhh, my dad milked cows and took care of the farm and I had uhh, let's see, seven brothers and sisters. My oldest brother was, next to me, was named Jay and then there was Dennis and Zona and Elma and Orson and Wallace and George was the family. And we grew up on the farm in them days doing farm chores and taking care of everything. And then when I was uhh, six years old, why I started to school in Tridell but, it was kinda cold and I had to walk about two miles and I was kinda small so. And the teacher, because I was left handed, said I wouldn't never learn...

Susan: Ohhhh

Helen: and do anything so, and I, and there was uhh, my friend uhh, was left handed and she kept hitting him on the hand with a ruler and it scared me but mother told her don't you do that to her. So I only went there a couple of weeks, a month, I guess and then mom pulled me out of school. The next winter, when I was seven years old, why I went to Vernal and stayed with my grandmother Glines, she had gone over there to, and rented a place so she could send her youngest son, Charles Glines, to high school. And so I went to the Central School and the teacher there, I think was a Miss Hansen, she was a really young teacher and she just loved everybody and so she said, "Oh there's nothing wrong with you. You just do like the rest of them do." And so pretty soon I was, just because I wrote left-handed didn't matter to her.

Susan: Oh good!

Helen: And by the time I come back to Tridell why I could read better than the students could here. (Laughing)

Susan: It was probably a good thing you went there.

Helen: And then, as I've gone through school, why, we had to either walk or ride horses, it's about what two and one half miles, from where we lived here over to the school house on my brothers, and they rode a horse and I walked. They rode horse back but I didn't like to ride a horse so I walked most of the time.

Susan: So was this in Tridell?

Helen: This was in Tridell, here.

Susan: Ok. Was it called Tridell then?

Helen: Yes. Well, let's see, when did they, they tried, they called it Liberty for a little while, but when they decided they wanted a Post Office here and they applied for one, there was already a Liberty in Utah (Susan: Ohh) so they couldn't do that. So the cit...

the people in Tridell got together and talked about it and I think it was Sister Alice Morrill over here that suggested seeins it's kind of broken up in three dells, (Susan: right) let's call it Tridell. So they did.

Susan: Ok, very nice. (Helen: So that's why.) I didn't know what year uhh, Liberty changed to Tridell and so I didn't know uhh,..

Helen: Well, if I'd look it up in the history there, I'd know it, but I don't remember.

Susan: Well, that's fine. I, yeah I just knew that it was Liberty. There was a North Liberty and a South Liberty.

Helen: Well, Lapoint was called South (Susan: South) Liberty (Susan: yeah) for just a very uhh (Susan: short) short time. (Susan: Ohh) Well that was, That was when they organized the wards in here was what they called them then.

Susah: Ohh, so it was more the church....

Helen: It was more at church that they call (Susan: names) called Liberty Ward.

Susan: Oh, all right.

Helen: I think it was about 1920, 1920 when I was born is when they changed it to Tridell.

Susan: Ok, all right. I got you off track, I'll have to...

Helen: That's ok, you ask questions, then I can answer.

Susan: Well, I was just aware that the names were Liberty at one time and so I thought I'd.....

Helen: So we lived what through we called the Depression, I guess, where the government come in a bought the cow, well, it was really a drought that year too and so they come in a bought some cows. When was that? 1920, well it was--be 1929 or something like that (Susan: ok) 1929 or 1930, something like that. And uhh, we couldn't pay uhh, Dad couldn't pay for the mortgage on the place so we moved up about a mile and a, oh uhh, not quite a mile and a half north of here where his mother, my dad's mother lived up there and uhh, and they uhh, the people that wanted their ho.. the house back that we lived in so my dad and my uncle, Bruce, got together, they had some logs and they put up a one room log house, so, and they did that in two weeks so

Susan: Oh my goodness.

Helen: so that we moved up there, but, it was a little after that when they decided to get a school bu, yeah, that was when they decided to get that school bus. Elmer Morrill drove the school bus so we got to ride on a bus into school.

Susan: Oh, very good.

Helen: Thank goodness. So we lived up there in that one room lo, kind of a log house, that wasn't very big.

Susan: I bet.

Helen: And in 1937, in April, when I was 15, why my mother had a ruptured appendicitis and they operated on her and she died.

Susan: Ohh

Helen: And the ba, and our, the youngest son was George, he was uhh, six months old at the time. (Susan: Ohhh)

Helen: So, there I was taking care of that family.

Susan: And you were fifteen?

Helen: Fifteen, yeah, fifteen going on, it was in April. (Susan: Ohh) And I got, turned sixteen in September, of course, but... So umm, I kept on, I was, by that time I was going to Alterra High School and so uhh, Grandmother Harvey lived up the field, through the field a ways. She'd, she would come and take the baby while I was in school and then bring him back at night till school was out in what about a month, I guess, then I took care of him all summer and the rest of the family which was, let's see Jay was, if I was fifteen, he was thirteen, Dennis, twelve, on down to uhh see, Wallace was three years old and George was six months old so they was little kids, so.. I had to take care of, I did all the cooking and the washing and uhh taking care of the kids all that summer and then when I started back to high school in the fall, why then I'd pack George down the road here, uhh it was a mile to where my grandmother lived right here on this place where we live now. I packed George down and got on the bus at the corner 'cause we had to meet the bus down here to go to high school on the corner and then I'd pack him home at night. To get up in the morning and get breakfast ready and get the kids ready for school and

Susan: My goodness.

Helen: And so I did that until late November and then they decided it was too cold for me to be packing the baby up and down the road and so my grandmother decided to take care of him and so she took care of him till he was six years old. Then dad let

me...but the rest of the family, we lived up there. Now I don't know how much more you want to tell about that. How's that?

Susan: That was good. Umm, maybe, just because I had a person ask me, How did you get around in the mud? Do you have any recollection of dealing with the mud?

Helen: Oh yes! The mud, and especially up there we were where we lived, was clay and sticky, stuck to your feet and when it rained... and once in a while we didn't only have a little porch in front of the front door and they had chores to do outside and the kids, and when they'd come in, they'd have mud on their feet and once in a while the mud would get a little bit deep in front of that door and I'd have to take the, inside the house and I had to take the hoe and scrape the mud out before I could, before I could mop the floor. (Susan: Oh, my goodness) And we did have a washing machine that, with a motor on it so.... But then we had to pack all our water either from the ditch, I did to bath the kids and, or my dad hauled it from the canal in the ten gallon milk cans and heated it all on the coal and wood stove, of course. That was before we had electricity, (Susan: Right) or anything. And of course, the privy's were outside. (Susan: Right) And so I had to wash, and the washing machine, it helped a little bit to have a washing machine because on Saturday I'd have to do the washing for all the family and I had to get them ready to go to Church and to school (Susan: Right) and all of, and do that. And cooked all the meals, I don't remember what I cooked--it's been so long. (Susan: Yeah). But....

Susan: Now back in those days you probably only had one or two outfits of clothes, isn't that....

Helen: That, yeah, that's what you had. You had a Sunday outfit an... (Susan: and a school) and a couple of ragged things for day (Susan: yeah) But my mother had been a real good seamstress so she had made all our clothes an, and I had starting to sewing when I was really small so I had to sew, got a sewing machine so then I made my sisters their dresses an (Susan: Ohh) and that for them and made all the dresses for myself that we, up until, well even after I was married I made the dresses for, they all learned to sew too. But we did that and we raised a garden and, of course, uhh, bottled vegetables. My dad was, he always seen that we had a lot of fruits and vegetables to bottle. So I bottled apricots, an cherries, an peaches, an, an, an, an the string beans and stuff out of the garden (Susan: Oh, that was good.) And I helped to raise a garden, too all those years.

Susan: Yes, I'll say, how you could ever do that and take care of the family, ohh. Now your brothers helped some with the garden, I would hope?

Helen: Well, yeah, dad did too. And dad, he was good at cooking. Oh, umm, I'd, we had to have our own yeast to make bread with and so we made it out of, you know, we

had, we kept a start (Susan: uh huh) and you had to cook potatoes and put the potato water in there (Susan: Oh, ok) and let it raise. So I would mix a big batch of bread at night and get it all in the pans and, and get it raised and then dad would bake it after I went to school; (Susan: Oh) about eight loaves every couple of times a week, of bread and so I did that too.

Susan: Oh, that's amazing that people could do all that.

Helen: So I guess I learned how to be a housekeeper (Susan: That's right!) mother too.

Susan: And how long was it until you got married then?

Helen: Well, it was only about three years.

Susan: Three years. You were married when you were eighteen?

Helen: Yeah, when I was eighteen. (Susan: ok) My best friend was my husband's sister, (Susan: Oh, all right.) Ardella Simmons and we'd been friends all the time though, so she would come up. But we had to walk everywhere; we didn't have no other transportation, they sure. We finally got a bicycle which I rode a little bit but uhh, my dad, he finally had some old car that he, we drove around. But a lot of times we walked to church an, and when we was, when I was younger we always walked over to Tridell to Primary when it was on the week day, you know (Susan: Right.) an that, so we, we did a lot of walking.

Susan: Yes, that's how you got around.

Helen: And to visit, to visit each other why uhh, the Simmons lived oh, about a mile and a half over here around on the canal bank at that time, so.

Susan: So did you walk in the dark, a lot?

Helen: Oh, well, quite a bit. I didn't like to walk in the dark. (Susan: yeah.)

Susan: That's the thing is if you were somewhere and you had to go home and it was dark, uhh.

Helen: Well, we uhh, my uncle was president of the Young, uhh the Young Mens Mutual, and at the time when I married Farrell he was the secretary, but uhh, so when we, when I got old enough to got to MIA, why we rode over and back with him (Susan: ohh) to MIA. But sometimes we walked home, if we didn't have a ride we had to walk home from the church house in the dark after meetings.

Susan: Was that scary? Could you see, like by the moon or anything, or ?

Helen: Well, back then I guess your eyes get used to it after you're out in it for a little while.

Susan: Oh dear! I'd be afraid I'd step in the ditch or something.

Helen: Well, I suppose we did a few times. Yeah, I walked from this corner down here, there it was about a mile from here, quite a bit. People would give you a ride to there and then I'd have, and we'd walk from there up and did that quite a, quite a few times after dark, but... Course we weren't scared about getting picked up by anybody then (Susan: Well, yes) or nothing, but (Susan: All right!) We were more scared of a bull in the field that might get out and chase you.

Susan: That's true, yes, the animals. Ok

Helen: So that was about what happened. To me there was a lot stuff that I could of....

Susan: Ok, how about umm, do you remember anything about holidays, doing things special things for holidays?

Helen: Oh yes, the Harvey family was always together on holidays. They, we had a real good family relation with my dad's brothers and sisters. So on holidays, we always got together for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. And Easter, we always went up here on the red hills and had a picnic. (Susan: uh huh.) The Harvey family was always together like that and did, you know, and celebrated different, different things. Yeah, we had a good family relationship and a lot of fun and I grew up with uhh, Verna Harvey Hoopes that just died. (Susan: I just heard that on the radio.) Yeah, she, her and I were together, 'cause they just lived by us so we were, we were played together a lot and we were together a lot and then we dated a lot together and then there was Iris Morrill, Iris McConkie Morrill (Susan: Oh, ok) and uhh, an we were cousins, you know, so. They were two years younger than I was, but the three of us we, we were together a lot and did a lot of things, running around and whatever we did back then, I don't know. We had a few parties at our homes together.

Susan: So what would you do for parties or holidays?

Helen: Oh, for those kind of things, a lot of times we went and uhh, for parties they played games. We played three deep, an, an what else was it—Flying Dutchman, they called it and a lot of these things that, you know, you get in a circle and play those kind, and that's the kind of games we played (Susan: So circle games). Yeah, they don't know nothing about those kind of games.

Susan: No, I don't know that people even know those games any more.

Helen: An we had such a lot of fun a doin' those kind (Susan: right) of games and that's what we, what we did at, well it was, they did that at MIA an, an different parties (Susan: activities or like that) activities and dancing, dances, (Susan: ok, a lot of...) we always went to dances. (Susan: a lot of dances) Yeah, they al... Tridell or Lapoint used to have a dance every Friday night. But it wasn't only just the young people, the older people come. And you danced with everybody. You just didn't dance with one person all the time.

Susan: Right. Well, I think there dances were different too. They did more mixing, like square dances and things, too, didn't they?

Helen: Well, they didn't, they didn't do, they, they did have a few square dances but most of the older people, they had a special square dance for them, but the rest of us was just dancing around, everybody. (Susan: ok) They did the jitterbug... They finally got so they did the jitterbug and all this kind of stuff, you know. (Susan: ok) They, they'd play for a while, quite a little while, and then they'd, the music would stop and you'd change partners and dance with the.... And all, women had to learn to do a lot of different dances, all the men dances—some of them did the waltz, some of them did the fox trot and some of did the jogging (Susan: True, yes, umm) And so that's what we did. Uh huh, uh, Farrell uh, Ardella, Farrell's sister, played the trombone and then, well Farrell was playing with other people for dances all this time.

Susan: What did he play?

Helen: He played the banjo. (Susan: ok) He played with a lot of different orchestras around the Basin. (Susan: I didn't know that.) He played, Tridell and Lapoint, Neola and to, up to Doc's Beach a few times, and over to Revola, you probably never heard of that, and down (something I can't understand) and he played down to the, what you call it, here where they used to... (Susan: umm, yes, the one off from Highway 40?) Yeah (Susan: Oh, what is that?) Down in the hill between, (Susan: Yes, I know where you mean.) I'm forgettin' a lot of these names is my problem right now. (Susan: Oh, and I should remember, I don't, Glenn's told me.) Uh hum and that he (Susan: oh, I don't remember) but he used to play all the time for dances, so...

Susan: Now did you play, did you play?

Helen: No, (Susan: Oh, ok.) I'm not a mus, I'm not a musician.

Susan: All right, well I didn't know for sure.

Helen: Um hum. I did play the piano, I tried to play the piano but we didn't have one to practice on, so I didn't get very far.

Susan: Oh, all right. Well... Umm

Helen: But that's a brief little story there.

Susan: Yeah, that's good. Umm, how about maybe not so good things, like illnesses, uhh, do you remember being sick or family members, maybe, being ill.

Helen: Yeah, well uhh, when I was a child, we all had the measles and that was the worst sickness we ever had. We had the old red measles (Susan: Oh). We got that when Zona was a baby, I guess it was, when we had the measles so bad, but then later we had scarletina and uhh then uhh we had uhh. Well, when we were children we had chicken pox, (Susan: ok, that's a common childhood disease.) We had the chicken pox.

Susan: Did you ever have mumps?

Helen: Yes, mumps. My kids had mumps too.

Susan: Yes. I remember mumps.

Helen: And all, months, mumps. Well, my brothers had 'em on one side, Jay and Dennis did, had the mumps on one side and then years later when they come around they got 'em on the other side.

Susan: Oh for goodness sakes.

Helen: But I don't think I ever had 'em.

Susan: Uhh, well, that's good. Umm...

Helen: Something else you want to know...

Susan: Did they, now just because I'm not sure, but did they do things like the mustard plaster and things like that for illnesses?

Helen: Oh yes, there was, they did a lot of that, putting mustard plaster umm. It was when Zona was a baby, I think, and grandma was still, er over to Vernal, and we went over. And they took her to the doctor over there and they put mustard plastered on her when she was a baby and then they opened up the doors in the winter time because they wanted all the oxygen they could get so you had (Susan: ohh) and it was, let's see, and then, yeah, got a bad cold or something why mom always put a mustard plaster on.

Susan: Did you ever have to make one?

Helen: I'm trying to think.

Susan: Now I'm not sure how they're made, do you know what they were made of besides mustard?

Helen: They put flour in 'em, an water an mustard and gee, I've about forgot, something else it seems like they put in it. But any... And then they had to rub you down really good with Vaseline or Vicks Rub so it wouldn't burn your skin too bad.

Susan: Did they put it on straight?

Helen: Well, you put it on a... you had a rag or a cloth and you spread it out on the cloth and then, and then you folded it over, you know, so that cloth on both sides and then they laid that on your chest.

Susan: All right, ok. I wasn't sure how that worked.

Helen: And I think they fixed up some kerosene and something else to give you for a cough like (laughing) liniment.

Susan: Oh, Ohh, (aghast) kerosene, you had to.... (cell phone rings)

Helen: No, I think they put that...

Susan: Oh, I am so sorry (I checked the cell phone and tried to shut it off)

Helen: They put, no, they put that on a bacon rind and put it around your throat (laughs). That's all I remember about it. They had all kinds of different things...

Susan: Well, and that's what I wa..., I don't know much about their umm, medical procedures, you know, in the earlier years.

Helen: Well, my first five children was born at home.

Susan: Oh, so did you have a mid-wife or family member....

Helen: Uhh, uhh, well Dr. Miles, that lady doctor, came up for a...(cell phone rings again) when the, when my first two was born. Did you want to answer that or some...

Susan: No, I'll call her back.

Helen: Uhh, there was one tel, there was only one telephone in Tridell so they had to, well they had two, I think. Ethel Goodrich had a telephone over there and Elmer Morrill had one that lived down the road here. (Susan: ok) And so when I got in labor, why they went there and called doctor. Well, I'd, I'd went in and seen her a few times, you know, before (Susan: oh sure) the babies were born. (Susan: Uh huh) And so uhh, Farrell called her and she come up and they put me on the kitchen table.

Susan: Oh my goodness! Oh, how comfortable. (Laughing) I guess whatever works, huh?

Helen: Yeah and then, then the, my next two got in a hurry. (Susan: oh) It was in uhh, November when Gary was born. And of course, you, in them days we didn't have a fire in the house cause we just had a, you know, a coal heater and the bed, we had two rooms and the coal heater in the bedroom and the kitchen stove. And so I woke up and it was just about six o'clock and I told Farrell, I said, "I think that baby's here."

Susan: Oh my goodness.

Helen: So he jumped out of bed and came down the road to get an, Aunt Lazelle Glines and the baby was born before he got back.

Susan: Oh, that was fast.

Helen: So they grabbed him... but he come out a yellin', it was cold.

Susan: It was cold, yeah, ok, he didn't like the cold.

Helen: And so they grabbed a nice clean towel and wrapped him up and then they couldn't find anything to tie the cord with...(Susan: Ohh) string. And I'd, back in those days you bought your flour in, in uhh cotton bags, you know. (Susan: Right, flour sacks) Yeah, flour sacks and I had a couple of the clean ones in the drawer that I was gittin ready to make dish towels out of, so they finally had to get a string (Susan: a string from that!) And then Farrell tied the cord.

Susan: Well that worked.

Helen: And then fourteen, fifteen months later, Margie was born.

Susan: Oh, they were close.

Helen: Sa, same but, yeah they were and I woke up in the morning and said, "Farrell I think this baby's here." He jumped out of bed and ran over and for he, to his mother that lived around the road, and fore they got back, she was born.

Susan: Oh my goodness.

Helen: It was so cold in the house 'cause it was in February and her lit, her little chin was just going uh uh uh.

Susan: Ohh, well, she was certainly breathing, you could tell.

Helen: Well, I don't know. They just wrapped 'em quick and turned 'em over on your stomach and, you know, so they could, their mouths and things could drain, drain out... (Susan: Oh, ok) But they were just coming through the door, and but Gary was born a little bit before they got there, and I don't know....

Susan: Oh my goodness.

Helen: And then Richard was born next and uhh, I thre...I didn't think I could make the doctor but they called Doctor, oh what's his name, by that time in Roosevelt.

Susan: Buxton?

Helen: No, that was long, that was before (Susan: No, that was before then) Buxton. Yeah, shucks, I can, all of a sudden I went blank again. And he got there just before he was born and then I got to the hospital after that.

Susan: After that. So how many did you have in the hospital?

Helen: I had five at home and five in the hospital.

Susan: Oh ok, half and half. Well, very good.

Helen: I don't know if that's the kind of stuff you want or not.

Susan: Sure, sure, we're just talking about families and....

Helen: That's early life for you.

Susan: That's right.

Helen: But then, well when Farrell and I got married, we decided we wouldn't go in debt so we never did. Folks by, so they had, his father had bought that place up there, well even, up there so the house was empty so we moved in there when we got married and then uhh. Let's see, it was when Bob was born...it was two or three years later, why between...My dad give us a cow (Susan: Good) (laughs and says something I can't understand about a cow) so we got a milk herd started and then we raised a lot of chickens; that was during the war then, so we (Susan: ohh) raised chickens and sold about 40 dozen eggs a week. They...There was a guy that came from Salt Lake that took, hauled our eggs out (Susan: Oh my goodness) and so between that and our saving our milk cows, his dad decided to sell him the place up there so we had enough money, by that time, to buy the place.

Susan: Oh how nice. And you didn't have to go in debt. (Helen: No, we never did.) That's great!

Helen: And then when we bought other places, which we bought half a dozen other, we had money enough saved up to. So we never did go in debt, and for all his machinery and tractors and everything he bought, we'd saved enough to take care of all that situation. I don't know how we did it now.

Susan: Yeah, Oh that is....

Helen: Back there, when you was only getting such a little bit of price for your....

Susan: Little bit...yes.

Helen: I skimmed the cream off of the two cows there at first after we was married and sold the cream, I think one week we got fifty cents.

Susan: Oh, but it all adds up.

Helen: But we didn't have electricity in the house either when those, yeah we did when Gary and Margie, the first two. But the house wasn't wired for electricity, so Farrell finally got it wired for electricity and, an, an so we didn't have any bills to pay before that, before that then electric bill, but that didn't (Susan: yeah) we took care of that, easy. But then we worked hard on the farms. I helped him out in the fields and helped milk the cows and he built two different milk barns and (Susan: Oh my goodness) we, he always did his own building, except when we bought this house here. The other house up there he, after a while why we, we dug a basement and built on two more rooms on to it and turned the other two rooms in bedrooms up there. And then in 1950 or 1949, I guess was when he built on up there. And then he dug a trench from the canal down the hill, the house up there on the hill, Lewis lives up there now. (Susan: Oh, ok) and uhh, he dug a trench down the canal and laid pipe and so we could get water into the house. (Susan: Oh, wow.) That was, just, oh a little after we got the water in why, Tridell, they didn't have the water over this way then, but they had it in the middle of Tridell, so, so we had....of course, when the canal got muddy we had muddy water.

Susan: Oh yes, that's true. You couldn't wash with that very well. Umm...

Helen: Do you want.....

Susan: Oh, this is just interesting. I'm don't know what else to.....

Helen: And it's all in them, them books, but Farrell's early life is in that book. He had a rough time of it, cause he... He started herding sheep when he was fifteen. His dad sent him out. He's herded sheeps all over the mountain, sheep all over the mountains up here till he was twenty-one, twenty-two about twenty-two, I guess. So he didn't get to go to school and education but then he was smart guy anyway.

Susan: Yeah, well it's amazing how well they do and, you know, keep working and

Helen: Well, uhh it really, really mechanically uhh. I think that kind of builds in people, don't it, when, you know, when they can do mechanics and he did take a little course on electronics so, so then he knew how to wire a house or do any electrical stuff that needed (Susan: ohh, uh huh) to be done and... But when it come to building or

something, why that's just easy for him. Well, it's easy for (Susan: he could do it) all my boys.

Susan: Oh that's great.

Helen: Uh huh, Ahh

Susan: So they have a natural talent for that.

Helen: Yeah, Richard and Rossa built a great big log house up there in Deep Creek.

Susan: Oh, I've seen that one.

Helen: And then Lewis built his big log house up here. (Susan: that's true.) And Bob, down here on the corner, just right here, he's built on to that and made a beautiful home, (Susan: Ohh..) what he's got there. And now Lewis's oldest son, Courtney's, building a log house right up here. (Susan: Is that right?) He's building it himself.

Susan: Oh see, it's carried on.

Helen: Yeah, he said, I'm paying as I go. I'm not gonna go in debt.

Susan: You're a good teacher there, very good.

Helen: But something mechanical and that just comes easy for all of them, the boys. They just knew how to take care of all of kind of machinery and do anything. It broke down, they could fix it up and, and see now, it wasn't long till Farrell, bawled, bought a welder so they weld everything together (Susan: Oh my goodness) and do everything that they wanted done, they could do it. (Susan: That's great!) And they're still a doin' it. (Susan: Oh, that is good.)

Helen: So, but you better ask me questions or I can....

Susan: Well, let me think. I guess maybe what I just ask is umm, do you remember anything in particular about family memories, memories, umm. I know you told me a lot about your family, but... I don't know, maybe, going to the mountains or going.....

Helen: Oh. Our family has been--I think we were the only family in Tridell that would do that. We'd uhh, uhh. The boys all work, our children. (Susan: Uh huh.) We had six boys and four girls and they all worked together to get, hurry up and get things done and then Farrell would take them fishing or we'd (Susan: Oh) go camping. And we took them, when they were younger, we took them down to Zion's and Bryce Canyon (Susan: Ohh) and all, and our family has been all together ever since, I mean, we have a great family relation with all the kids. (Susan: Oh that's good.) Uh huh, all the time and so, yeah, the, they'd hurry up and get the chores done and get the hay hauled and

some of the rest of the kids around would say, "We never get to go no place like that." (Laughing) And then, but he's always been one, loved the mountains (Susan: Uh huh) and so then after the grandkid, all the kids got grandkids and they were, they were all about the same age. We spent a lot of time up the moun...on top the mountain, uhh, north of Vernal, camping.

Susan: Oh, ok.

Helen: Cause Gary and Arnold, they worked at the phosphate plant (Susan: Ohh) so we'd go up there and camp and then some of the other kids would come camp and they'd drive down to work and just over the hill, you know. (Susan: Ohh, sure) Up there on the mountain so, yeah, our family's been a great family to get together. Just--now all the grandkids has growed up and got married and so now they go to home to their parents (Susan: Ohh, right) before they all come to my, my place. And when they were younger, but, our, our grandkids all grew up together, uh were uhh, you know having fun together.

Susan: So they all pretty much lived in the Tridell area?

Helen: Well, let's see. Yeah, all the kids did. Let's see, Susan lived here then too and Beverly, well, they moved to Salt Lake after, well, most of them lived here, yeah all the rest of them lived here. Arnold and, and Margie live in Vernal, so, of course (Susan: That's close, huh) after they, their kids and so (Susan: Oh that makes it nice) but now the grandkids, some of them has got, have moved away, you know, (Susan: Sure) and that too. But we had 10 children, 53 grandchildren; we have 114 great-grandchildren right now (Susan: Wow) and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Susan: Oh that's great, that's wonderful!) So we have a **big** family. (Susan: You do.) Uh huh, and but we were all, and then after Richard and Rossa built that big home up there in Deep Creek, they had a great big lawn up there so all the, all the holidays and birthdays and baptismal days we all went up there for a picnic afterwards, all the family together, (Susan: Oh, how nice) all that we were. Our family's been a great family to get together. Course now it's little bit different (Susan: It's hard) but, cause it's hard, but when our grandkids were young we was together on all kinds of parties and things.

Susan: I think that's great!

Helen: So we've had a good family relationship and we still do. Yeah, Sylvia, Arnold's daughter, over to Vernal, just got home off her mission and so guess we all went over there to the (Susan: another special ...) mission report and then there was so many of us they went to the park. (Susan: Sure) Everybody brought their dish and we went...

Susan: Well, you about have to do that when there's so many people. You don't....

Helen: Oh well yeah, the, the kids, we've always done that. (Susan: Yeah.) Everybody, you know, I'll bring this and you bring that and (Susan: Right) we'll do this. (Susan: all help, but...) They all helped.

Susan: But you can't fit in the home is what I'm saying. There's so many of you, you about have to go to a...

Helen: Yeah, I had 60 here (Susan: Did you really?) a lot of times for Thanksgiving. (Susan: Oh my gracious.) We have tables all over here and in here (Susan: Ohh...) but we made it with all the little kids, bring a table in here, and put all the little grandkids in here. We had Farrell to, had movie cameras so we've got films and films and all the kids (Susan: Oh how neat!) and all the weddings and everything. (Susan: Oh, how neat.) And now I can't see 'em. (Susan: Oh) It makes it bad. (Susan: Yeah, well, you will again one day.) but, yeah, we've, we've had a

Helen: Yeah, we started down from scratch and I guess, our family is what you call increased anyway.

Susan: Yes and, and on the other side of that, now I think I remember Gary's passed away. Is that correct?

Helen: Yes. Boy, the plant up there didn't know what they was gonna do without him up the phosphate plant because he was really a, he would what you call an electrical engineer. They had three or four highly educated professor engineers come in and they couldn't figure out his plan that he had on the computer to operate the, the slurry line that runs to Rock Springs. (Susan: Oh my goodness.) There's still three, two or three guys that are trying to take his place. (Susan: Oh my goodness) He was just (Susan: just so good) uh huh, uhh, let's see, Aaron or yeah, Bob and well, Richard they all went and got some schooling too, but I don't know, they're, it's just the other way and that's way Gary's son is. He works to the telephone company and they're af..they, he says, people are so dumb. He goes in, sets up all their computers for 'em and he does all this and says, can't they do one little job right?

Susan: Oh dear, well he just knows so much.

Helen: Yeah, he does (Susan: Well) But that's the way Gary was and then Arnold, he's the smallest one in the family, he's up there and he's operated for thirty years up there to the phosphate plant, he's operated their big equipment for them, all of it.

Susan: Oh my goodness!

Helen: One of the kids asked his daughter, "What does your dad do a living?" She says, "Oh he just moves mountains."

Susan: Ohh--Yeah, That's a big job.

Helen: That's what he does. He's moved tha..he's moved all that...

Susan: So how many of your kids work at the phosphate plant?

Helen: Just Gary an, an uhh Arnold (Susan: Arnold) that lived in Vernal.

Susan: Ok, just the two.

Helen: And then Lewis an, Lewis and Aaron took over, they bought the farm. (Susan: So they...And that was milk cows?) They took over the dairy. Yeah (Susan: The dairy.) the dairy. Aaron and Farrell built the dairy barn, the last dairy barn (Susan: ok) they used. And here a few years ago, they sold out, the cows out and went to do something else. That was the hardest thing in my whole life to see them cows leave.

Susan: Oh, I bet! Ohh, after all the years.

Helen: After all these years of milking cows.

Susan: So, you have no cows anymore?

Helen: Nope. I think they've got a couple up the field. And they all went to work, they went to work somewhere else too, so... (Susan: Ohh) and, an then Richard worked at Hill Air Force Base for quite a few years and then he moved back here and then he operated the bowling alley for the uhh Indians down here.

Susan: Oh, I didn't realize that, ok.

Helen: The Ute Lanes, yeah, until here last fall, a year, no till early this spring, he quit. Now he's working for aghh, this here drilling company he's at... (Susan: Oh my goodness, ohh.) But he's operated that, for I don't know how many years, since he, since he moved back here.

Susan: Oh, I didn't know that.

Helen: Uh umm, Now Aaron is a ohh, custodian, he ju, got, he's been down here to West for quite a few years, well when he quite milking cows, I don't know. Why they find it was harder jobs than....(laughing) milking the cows, I think. (Susan: I think so, yeah.) And then he just uhh got the job for the new uhh, college (Susan: Oh, oh) He'll be their head custodian over there, he's over there working now, Aaron did. (Susan: I didn't know that!) Um huh, and uhh, Lewis, up here, he's out there driving water tankers all down through the.... (Susan: In the oil business, huh?) in the oil business.

Susan: Well, there's lots of (Helen: So that's what they're doing.) jobs there, I think, so

Helen: Um umm, Peggy she's still busy taking care of her, her family. She's the one that's got a big family (Susan: She does!) too. Uh huh. (Susan: She does!) Peggy And then Margie's been custodian over to Vernal for, well she was at the Junior High and the Middle School and now she's at Discovery (Susan: Ohh,) the custodian for them. I think she's what, got a year and a half or two years and then she'll retire.

Susan: Retire. I don't remember Margie.

Helen: Uh umm, Well, she got, she married Glen Gardner but she got a divorce from him. Glen Gardner that uhh--but she's got, she well, she had four girls and one boy. (Susan: ok) Part of my kids did that. Aaron had four girls and one boy; (Susan: Right) Lewis had five girls and one boy; (Susan: ok—well, I know about that!) and then Susan and Dennis they've been all over the country.

Susan: Yeah, I think. I never hear....

Helen: Right now they're living in Vernon. He's working out at the Dugway Proving (Susan: ohh) out there. He's their photographer that does all the picture taking for all the missiles and stuff like that. (Susan: Ohh) And then Susan said, she decided to uhh, do some teaching in school so she's a teacher's aide.

Susan: She's a teacher, oh, good for her. And I'm sure their children are all grown.

Helen: Yeah, three of them still live in Vernal and three of them are still out there where they are. (Susan: oh, all right) And so, and then Beverly, she works for IH, Intermountain Health Care Insurance Company. Oh brother, that's a computer job! It's horrible. (Susan: Oh my goodness) And Benny, her husband, is a custodian at the new hospital they just built. He was at Cottonwood and now he's uhh (Susan: ohh cus...) a custodian at the, what is it, Intermountain Health Care Center, (Susan: Health Care) isn't it? That's what (Susan: I think that's it.) that new hospital. And their oldest son works at uhh, LDS Hospital, or the custodian.

Susan: Oh, ok.

Helen: But uhh, Beverly does all this in...health insurance from St. George to the Idaho border. (Susan: Oh, my goodness!) That's all; she'll sit there and punch numbers in millions of, thousands of dollars everyday!

Susan: Oh, my goodness, bless her heart!

Helen: And none of 'ems had education in computers. They all just got 'em, learned 'em, ever

Susan: Just got in there and did it.

Helen: Oh yeah, She says, "Oh, mom, I can't believe these girls they've sent here to work for us, with this big college degree, are so dumb.

Susan: Oh, you know, umm. It needs to be a little common sense too and I think that's the hard part to learn (Helen: That is the hard part!) with. (Helen: with it) You can get all the schooling you want but you have to put it together with common sense.

Helen: Well, Susan did live in Dugway for a while and so she got the job of taking care of the, better not say that, (Susan: Oh) the kids (laughing) and taking care of them after school and for the servicemen and the people that worked there. (Susan: Oh, all right!) And there was one of the uhh, people, I guess in that, she come out and she wanted to know where she got her education from. (Susan: Really?) She said, "You have these kids doing more things and you're so good with them and, and doing all this work." She said, "Where did you get your, what you call it, education, what do you call it when you work with children? Oh, and Susan said, "Well, I, I was raised in a family of ten." (Laughing)

Susan: A practical education...

Helen: She said, "I haven't had any, I haven't had any schooling." But she said, "I didn't dare tell them that I learned a lot of this from the Primary." (Susan: Oh right!) You know when you work in the Primary (Susan: She is, she was in the Primary.) with all this, all her life. And then she, I think she's working in this Jordan District now. They have to drive 30 miles, her and another lady, where they live, to be a teacher's aide. And she said the head guy come in the other day and he says, "I think I need to keep you on here longer. You're so good with these kids." He said, "Why don't you work a little bit longer." (Laughs)

Susan: Well, that's good!

Helen: He said, "My gosh, you're so good with kids, you must've had a good education."

Susan: Well, see, people don't realize what a big family can teach you.

Helen: And then she, she's really musical too. She plays the piano and other different things. And, and she said, "Oh they had all kinds of piano there so we just do a lot of singing and..."

Susan: Oh, how nice!

Helen: And she loves to sing, her and her daughter are really good singers. So that's what all my kids is doing now.

Susan: Well, very good. That's great. Sounds like they're all

Helen: So if you want to take that off, you can.

Susan: Well, we'll talk about the family, for sure. All right, umm, maybe I'll, just because it's my interest, I, I love your flowers. Tell me about umm, what flowers you like to grow or what has grown well, or...

Helen: Oh, I have, in the spring out here I had beautiful tulips. Everybody has to stop and look at my tulips. But my back and I've hunn, got so I can't get around so I can't take care of 'em (Susan: Oh, sure) and then, and then I had a lot of beautiful columbine this year. They just come up volunteer (Susan: Oh good) out there. But I always raised a lot of flow, lot of different flowers, but now I'm getting so I can't do it.

Susan: Well, tell us what some of the ones....

Helen: Oh, Farrell's niece brought that (Susan: ok) bouquet to us here, so most of my flowers are these kind now, the kind that don't die... (Susan: Well, that's my kind too, but...) Yeah, flower gardens, I always raised flower gardens.

Susan: What flowers did you have in your flower gardens?

Helen: Well, well that's what I said there was tulips and columbine an, and petunias and well all the kinds, it's just regular, what you grow around here, you know. (Susan: ok) And gar, and this is the first two years we haven't had a enormous garden out here. Oh them weeds grewed in, looked horrible. (Laughs) He couldn't, (Susan: We don't...) We couldn't take care of it because we'd always raised all kinds of vegetables an, for the kids and for the neighbors, an (Susan: Right) and the fruit trees. We've had uhh, we had apricots and plums go to waste this year. People are not canning anymore.

Susan: No, no, they don't have time and....(Helen: And so, so they didn't do that but...) maybe not even the equipment anymore.

Helen: And so the year that Farrell retired, that was 35 years ago, when we moved down here, we had a big raspberry patch out there. (Susan: ohh) And so uhh, uhh we picked raspberries every other day while they were, they were, know a certain length of time that they came on. Ohh, huh, my back about broke; we picked nine cases one day! (Susan: Oh my gracious!) People on Tre, people on Tre, Tridell, everybody had to come get their raspberries.

Susan: Ohh, how wonderful!

Helen: But, that got too hard to do ann, (Susan: yeah) then we were, after we, he retired, why we were traveling around, going camping and traveling around quite a bit. Went down to St. George; his mother was down there for a while, so we went down

there a couple of times a year, down there with his sister, Lula. (Susan's cell phone rings. I didn't record my conversation. I'm sorry I had it on.)

Helen: Farrell's so deep he probably couldn't hear, but in that book there, about his early, it's so interesting a guy oughta put it down somewhere.

Susan: About what?

Helen: His early life is so interesting and what he wrote here, you know.

Susan: Well, tell us some of that, umm

Helen: Well, I, I can't remember what all he's got here.

Susan: Well, we can copy some of that so you don't have to remember all of it. Just tell us some of the things, maybe that you remember that

Helen: Well all this, his early history, of course, I wasn't, didn't know about him, you know, (Susan: uh huh) until (laughs) well, after he got through herding sheep, why then uhh, he decided to farm someplace. Well, I think right after he got, he worked up on uhhh Moon Lake. He went up there and worked on the dam. (Susan: Ohh) He worked up there on the Moon Lake Dam. Let's see, where else did he, guess that was, did he work someplace, I don't know. That was after he got through herding sheep and an while they were building the dam, why he went up there an worked on that to help his dad and mother out with their large family cause they had eleven children, you know. (Susan: Oh) But of course by then, part of his, his sisters was married and that. But then like I say, I, I, I and his sister were really good friends and then his brother that was my age, from the time we was thirteen till I was seventeen, I chased around with him. (Susan: Oh, laughing) He was my boyfriend.

Susan: He was your boyfriend, ok.

Helen: But then, the ol, them tim, see Farrell didn't have a chance to go chasing around anywhere herding sheep till after he was 22, 23 years old, so uhh. When he got back here why a lot of them guys was his age or older why his dad, when they sold the sheep then he bought a car. So he was the only one around that had a car so all these guys wanted him to take 'em to dances and they'd get drunk ann (Susan: Ohhh) ann he didn't like that, so he quit doing it. So he got to kinda, well, chasing around with us younger kids 'cause we didn't have no way to go too and so he'd take us to dances an he'd, and he'd play for the dance. (Susan: Oh fun.) And we wouldn't, annn that kind of stuff.

Susan: Yeah (both laugh)

Helen: So 'cause he, so he didn't really have any what you'd call friends, you know, like that, but so... (Susan: that were his age) uh huh, so he took, Ardell had a, she had a

boyfriend, and then I and Don went and then he'd got a girl a time or two, ann. We went to dances and then, and then I kept going over there visiting with his sister and then we got in uhh. The MIA was puttin' on a play an, an he was secretary of the, they put him as secretary of the MIA, by that time, Young Wom, Young Men, so he took me over to play, took us over to play practice and I went with him ann, and got, he kinda got interested in somebody else, like me.

Susan: Yes, and we both laugh. Well very good. Sooo, how long did you go together?

Helen: Umm, let's see. Oh about a year an, well, he star, well when I was seventeen, why uhh his, Don had gone uhh up on the Paradise Park to work with his dad water assessment (Susan: Oh, ok) and he told Farrell and when he left he says, Hey you take good care of my girl while I'm gone.

Susan: Oh good. (More laughter)

Helen: So uhh, went to play practice with him and then he took me to MIA, took me home from MIA, and then he said, "Hey, I'll see you Friday." And I said, "Friday?" Yeah, He said, "It's your birthday, isn't it?" And I said, "Yeah." So he said, "Well, I'll see you." So he came up to my place.

Susan: Oh, how nice.

Helen: And I was seventeen and we wen, we went down to Lapoint to a dance.

Susan: Very good.

Helen: So when Don come back, why, he was mad at Farrell.

Susan: Ohh. He took to good of care of you.

Helen: Well, he said, I was just taking care of her ann... So Farrell said, "Ok go on and get a date with her." An he wouldn't do it. He said, "I don't want her anymore."

Susan: Is that right? Ohh

Helen: "Ok," he says, "I do!"

Susan: Oh, good. So are still good friends with Don?

Helen: Yeah, we were still good friends, so (Susan: ok) so uhh, we went to MIA tha, that night, I guess, or that week after Don came home an, an Ardell was working down to Roosevelt, doing house work for some people, and she'd come home. So Farrell says uhh, "Do you want to ride down with me to take Ardell down, I gotta take her back down there, she needs to be back there to work. So I said, "ok" and so we went out and got in the car and then here come Don ann Verna, (Susan: Ohh) my cous--Verna Hoo--

(Susan: Hoopes, ok) I said, (can't understand what she said—maybe, I guess.) But then, I'd already got to liking Farrell a little bit too much a chasing around that summer.

Susan: Well, it was meant to be, right?

Helen: So that was how come we started going together. That was it. (Susan: Well good!) We went together for over a year.

Susan: Well, it was.....

Helen: I had a harder time making the decision whether he wanted, course Farrell, by that time was 25, and he wanted to get married but (Susan: Sure.) uh huh, but, I had all those kids up there to take care of. (Susan: Oh, that's true.) That family of kids (Susan: Yes, you were being mother.) Yeah and uhh, but uhh, and my grandmothers kept telling me, "Oh, he's too old for you. We don't think you ought to get married to him." But gosh, I loved the guy, you know. (Susan: Yeah!) So what do you do? So I decided well, I lived close enough to 'em, I could run back and forth and take care of 'em.

Susan: Oh, now see, that's a good idea. So...

Helen: So, we decided to get married and went to the temple, got married.

Susan: Oh, that's neat.

Helen: Ahh, pretty near sixty-nine years ago and we're still together.

Susan: Oh, that's, that's wonderful!

Helen: He's been a wonderful husband, I mean, he was good with his kids, I mean, you know, and they loved their dad and they, and they pla, he, they planned things together and worked together and, an never had any trouble with 'em an...

Susan: Oh, that's great! (Helen: And so...) That's, that's the thing about a big family, you know, where you can have so much love and so much (Helen: uh huh) good teachings and things, you know, that it makes it.

Helen: And tha, the little great grandkids, they go, "We got to go see our grandpa." Then they'd come up here to their kids and uhh, uhh Lewis's oldest daughter, Delsey's little girl, she come a runnin' down the road and Hel, and Helen said, "Where you goin'?" "I gotta go see my little grandpa!" (Susan: Oh, laughing, little grandpa?) And they just run to him and grandma and had him like that, an said....

Susan: Oh my goodness.

Helen: But, yeah, his sister, Ora's still alive and she came out last year to visit us and was talking about that and I was telling her about the family and, you know, how they all

got together and you had that many in your hou..."didn't they tear your house to pieces?" I said, "Well no, we don't, never allowed stuff like that to go on." "Well, didn't the kids beat up on each other and fight each other?" And I said, "Our grandkids? None of 'em ever got in a fight with each other."

Susan: Oh, that's amazing!

Helen: I just, I said, "well, no." (Susan: Yeah.) She said, "Oh my two daughters would've, they fight with each other all the time." I said, "My kids never fought." That was, I mean it was something, you really hardly didn't allow in the family, you know. (Susan: Yeah.) An, they teased each other sometimes a lot (Susan: Well, that's typical.) that, but you know to get in fights with each other. I said, "Well, no." She said, I said, I had a house full of little girl, I tended Lewis and Diane's kids all the time 'cause she worked, all them little girls here, and when she, they was here, Helen's girls came and all the rest of the girls came, we cut paper dolls out on the porch and we made (Susan: Ohh.) they, all kinds of stuff and those kids...you never had a fight. I said, it, because they would do that and then they had to show me some little dances they was learnin' (Susan: Yeah.) and you know.

Susan: I think that you spent time with them (Helen: Oh yeah!) and, and the thing is now days too many families, it's oh, go watch TV or go, you know, play a game or something but they don't spend time with them.

Helen: Uh huh, well, that's, well my girls was taught that at home. That's what I did with my girls. They cut paper dolls, they made paper doll houses and the boys, them boys was always out doors, building something. (Susan: Uh huh) They were uhh mechanical builders, I think Bob built a three wheeler 'fore he ever heard of those things.

Susan: Is that right?

Helen: Ridin' around here with some of the girls, you know.

Susan: Because he was creative, see. (Helen: Yeah, uh huh) He had, he could make what he wanted.

Helen: He took a, an old motor off from Farrell's, what was it, ba, a baler or so.. or what was it he had that, the mo uh, I don't know, an he bou..., oh anyway, and he built this three wheeler out of it, an the, them boys of mine were always building something. (Susan: Oh, that's good.) And so they, they weren't fighting; they were building. But then they'd, in the house, at night sometime they'd get laughing and playing with each oth..., you know, (Susan: Yeah) telling big jokes. An pretty soon after, you'd hear 'em rollin' on the floor laughing. But we didn't have, didn't have that problems like some of

'em said their kids would fighting and beat, what you, umm (words I can't understand) umm, I remember (Susan: Well, that's good.) Sue saying once 'bout uhh, uhh, talking to Gary and she said somethin' about one of the boys or somethin' uhh, one of his brothers or somethin'. And Gary said, "Look, don't ever say anything bad about any one of my brothers." (Susan: Uh huh.) He said, "They're all perfect!"

Susan: Oh, wow. You know and if they could feel that way, then why would they fight?

Helen: They didn't. (Susan: You know and that's it.) They, they were too busy doing something else. (Susan: They, well, they, they learned to enjoy being (Helen: Uh huh) together an..

Helen: They played school and they played like café, the girls'd uh set up a little play table an fix... I like 'em fix what stuff they wanted out of, you know, to eat (Susan: right) and they'd play like they were servin' 'em an 'cause them days we didn't go out to eat.

Susan: Yeah, you couldn't afford to go eat.

Helen: And they were always playin' things like that. They were always busy playin'.

Susan: I know when I grew up, we did our chores first (Helen: uh huh) and then it was play time (Helen: yes) and you were so glad to play (Helen: uh huh) that you just enjoyed playing and, and you didn't really get in fights. You, you knew you had work and if you didn't enjoy playing, your mother would always find more work for you to do.

Helen: Yeah. That's true. (Susan: So, I think that's...) only some of my daughters-in-law, dea... I hadn't ought to put this on tape.

Susan: Oh, all right. Well, we do have different families and different associations an..

Helen; They said, I don't know, "you sure spoiled them boys." I said, "How did I spoil 'em? "Well, they gotta have their beds just right to sleep in.

Susan: to sleep...Well, that's teaching them to be neat.

Helen: They were. (Susan: yeah) Them kids, them boys, I, can make up them beds an, they said, you couldn't tell they'd ever slept in their beds. (Susan: Ahh) and they, ohh and then went on missions. "Them boys, oh them kids kick their bed, how could they sleep like that?" Lewis said, "Their blankets all.....

Susan: They don't realize what other people live like. Ohh, that's good training. I, I think that's wonderful.

Helen: And they're all really helpful with their wives...(Susan: Oh, that's wonderful!) huh huh. There's all, all of 'em can cook or they can house clean. All the boys can do that. I think Lewis does all the house cleaning for Diane's working.

Susan: Yeah, she's awfully busy over there in Wal-Mart at the salon, so...

Helen: And that's what Farrell, he's, he's always been.... If, if I got sick or something, why he was in there and he could fi...course a old sheep herder knew how to cook.

Susan: Well, yeah, he probably did a lot of that anyway, so...

Helen: He helped fix the meals and even though he was working out, an if the floor needed sweepin' and I had a bunch of crying babies, why he'd sweep the floor or wash the dishes (Susan: ohh) or help, you know, get the meals on (Susan: yeah) because, and then I helped him out in the field too so it was (Susan: give and take) give and take, you know. I guess that's what makes for a good marriage.

Susan: Well, and that, that's right, see. You've been happy and you've helped each other and that's, that's the important thing, that's....

Helen: Yeah, he still helps me gather up the dishes when we get through eatin' an, an, an like if I'm not in a hurry to get supper on or something, he, he no, no problem, I get my own.

Susan: Oh, uh huh. Laughter. Well, that's a good relationship; you're a team and you just do things together, that's what it is.

Helen: I don't know what, he says, "Don't you die." He says, "I couldn't live without you." And I said, "Boy, I couldn't live without you either. What would I do?"

Susan: Yeah. Well see that's it, you're a team and one part of the team.....

Helen: An, yeah, and I'm getting so blind now, that when I do a potato, wanna pick a potato, you got, Farrell, you gotta peel it, I can't see to peel the potato.

Susan: Well, he understands that, I'm sure.

Helen: Yesterday, er, Rick Perry, our grandson, brought over a whole bunch of apples, so we canned apples yesterday and he set and helped me cut all the apples up.

Susan: Oh, bless his heart.

Helen: He's always done that.

Susan: Yeah, Oh, that wonderful!

Helen: But then I go out and help him saw wood an (Susan: Sure, yeah, that's it.) I'm amazed at how, what he's still doing though. (Susan: Yeah) But he's, he's, he should have been here listening, but he can't hear, he's got, and he's tried all kinds of hearing aids and they don't work, except he can hear the TV an...(Susan: Oh, ok) and everything like that...oh, but....

Susan: Yeah, well, that would be hard not to be able to hear but then it's hard not to see, and so--you have to help each other.

Helen: That's me. I was always, I did ss, I made quilts for all those kids (Susan: Oh, that's right.) I made, I made uhh, I've made quilts for all the family, all the time, but I made a baby quilt for every one of my grand kids (Susan: Oh, my goodness!) that, er two of them sometime. Delsey wore hers out and she had to have another one; her husband says you gotta make another one for her, (both laughing) 'cause she's still packing it around.

Susan: Oh my gracious!

Helen: An, and then I made quilts for all of 'em that got m, all the kids, grandkids, most of 'em that got married till I got blind and then I couldn't see to sew a seam. I couldn't, ohh (Susan: Ohh dear) it's really been bad not to be able to sew because I've always... (Susan: Yeah) uh huh. And then when uh my girls was little, like I say, I, I sewed, well my little boys too. I don't think they, I bought clothes for them till (Susan: probably not) they got ready to go to school. Made their shirts an, an their overalls out of old, old (Susan: Oh my word!) old overalls and the girls always, well, Susan still makes all her, well, Margie was a excellent sewer too and Beverly still sews, all, well, Peggy's a really good sewer.

Susan: Yeah, I....

Helen: She's made stuff for people in Tridell, all the time (Susan: I think I knew that.) But, then, so when they got big enough to do their own sewing, but before that, I made all their clo, the girls dresses and that and all my clothes, nahh. (Susan: Ahh) Now I can't, haven't got any new clothes 'cause I can't make me any.

Susan: Well, guess you'll have to go to the store, maybe.

Helen: Yeah, I told somebody the other day, I think you better take me to where I can buy a new dress. I haven't had one for fifteen years.

Susan: Yeah, I don't think they make dresses anymore.

Helen: That's what they said, they're horrible.

Susan: You can't hardly find 'em; you can find skirts an blouses, but you can't find a dress.

Helen: So that's been my, since I got, oh my (you miss that or out—I think) so bad, and well, and doing all these histories and picture books, I (Susan: Yeah) got some pictures of the gran, great-grandkids and tried to put 'em in them books an I couldn't get 'em in straight.

Susan: Oh dear. Well.....

Helen: I, I've known I've had macular degeneration since, for twenty years now, but (Susan: Is that right) but it's just been the last, ohh, three or four years that, yeah, let's see, yeah about four years sin, well when I went to the eye doctor last an, an he examined my eyes and said, "You have no central vision left at all," (Susan: ohh) "but you've got pretty good peripheral vision in this eye. If I look straight at you like this with both eyes you don't have a head. (Susan: Oh, all right.) But it's getting so hard because I can't see people's faces, you know, (Susan: yes) unless I get really close to 'em and that, but—oh dear, (Susan: Umm) that's what happens when you get old, I guess.

Susan: Yeah, and I don't think there's anything they can do for that macular degeneration.

Helen: Not for the dry type that I've got, (Susan: ohh) there isn't. (Susan: Darn it!) Well, I'm just, I should, I'm just thankful I can see as good as I can.

Susan: Yes, be glad I guess for what you do have.

Helen: But, because I'm still doing all the housework an...(Susan: Oh wow) I, I don't know if the house is dirty or not I keep (Susan: No, it looks just beautiful!) The kids come, I said, "What does it look like?" "Mom, if looks fine; don't worry." (Susan: Yes) I said, I said, "Well, if it looks bad, you'll have to come clean it."

Susan: That's one excuse. I can't see, you'll have to do it.

Helen: Well, you know, I have never used a dryer yet.

Susan: You haven't?

Helen: No. I...

Susan: You just hang them on the line?

Helen: Just hang 'em on the line in the summer time and then Farrell built on a furnace room on this house and we had it out there and so I put lines in there an, an you know they dry faster in there in the winter than they do out there.

Susan: Oh, no kidding!

Helen: But that's what they get, "you gotta have a dryer." "I got one; it's setting out in the garage. I dried clothes with it once, don't like it."

Susan: Oh my word. Ohh, well that's interesting. I don't think there's too many people this day and age that could say.

Helen: I bet there's nobody.

Susan: I don't think so, unless they're absolutely poor or something and don't even have a house or som...I don't know. But that's amazing.

Helen: Yeah, that's...(Susan: huhh) oh would they lo, them beautiful white clothes look good a hangin' on the clothes line, I guess. It's so bright, I can't see 'em.

Susan: Yeah, that great!

Helen: But I don't know how much longer I'll have, keep on, I had to have a hip replacement four years ago.

Susan: Oh, I didn't know that.

Helen: Yeah, Dr. Mason down, he wrote, "Boy, he's a good doctor!"

Susan: I've heard he is. (Helen: Uh huh, an..) So it went well, and you (Helen: Oh yeah! Um humm) don't have any problems, ok.

Helen: It, It still hurts once in a while when I twist the wrong way. (Susan: Oh, sure.) But, but I guess everybody has...well, and I've had back problems for years. I've had a back operation a long, long time ago. But guess I packed too many kids, too many buckets of water, too many buckets of coal (Susan: I'm sure!) and lifted too many bales of hay.

Susan: An, and probably logs and other things.

Helen: Oh, logs, yes. That's, we hauled all them logs off the mountain for wood and for everything.

Susan: That would kill you, oh for sure, oh. Yeah, you've just been in there by your husband helping him like you were a man, almost.

Helen: Well, that's what we did all th, worked together all the time. I don't know how a little guy like him did all the farming that he's done, you know, and irrigation, that's what. The boys usually did the milking, the cows an,(Susan: Uh huh.) an took care of them, whi...at, during the summer tim...er, during the, well, when they went to school Farrell usually milked in the morning, but, and they didn't, but. Uhh, we bought, after we bought that one place, then we bought Farrell's others, his dad place up to Deep Creek, the, that hundred and twenty acres up there (Susan: Oh wow) on Deep Creek, you know, the farm way back up there, and then up where Richard and Rossa lives why, we finally paid his dad's mortgage off on that place, (Susan: Oh, gee) another eighty acres up there.

Susan: Wow

Helen: And then Bill Parrish had a farm down in the bottom of the Creek, so Farrell farmed that, all that, them places and all these places, except this piece right out here, clear down there where Gary and them live, clear down there. (Susan: Oh, my word!) And then, well then, when my dad sold out we bought his places. (Susan: Oh my goodness!) And that was this place. (Susan: That's a lot of acres.) This place, and then all them hills up there and, and where Bob lives and so (Susan: My goodness!) and, and then he, he leased a bunch of farms. We had two leases up on the Whiterocks Bench and he farmed the Morlan Harvey place and all of them that was up there before Ren Smith bought all that, why he, he farmed (Susan: Oh my word.) and so he farmed all that, them places for a long, well that was before we retired, you know, and he was working. I don't know how a little guy like him did all that work.

Susan: No kidding.

Helen: But, and course, it made it easier when they come out with hay balers an, and hay loaders an... (Susan: Yes) but before the boys, when first them Deep Creek place up there and the boys is all at home and young, you've got a lot of hay up there and Gary and them guys go there and haul that hay after he got it baled. I don't know how he done all that work for a little guy like he was.

Susan: Oh, that is amazing.

Helen: The McKees and all these guys around here, they always hired people, but (Susan: Yeah.) that wasn't in the...but we didn't go in debt like they did either.

Susan: That's the good part, you're right.

Helen: I think when DeVon left, he left all them kids in a big debt, didn't he?

Susan: I didn't hear, but I wo... (Helen: Yeah) I wondered if that's why the dairy...

Helen: Well, yeah, they lost their farm down here and yeah, Merlin McKee bought the one dairy farm, didn't he?

Susan: Oh, ok, 'cause they, they had the one up on the hill, but they don't have it any more, do they?

Helen: Up on what hill?

Susan: By where Verna and Doug live, (Helen: Oh) up above Velora's old house.

Helen: The old Ross place?

Susan: Uh, huh, They had (Helen: I, I don't know if Morris) they had the milk barns, I guess.

Helen: Oh yes, on top of that hill, yeah. (Susan: On top of the hill, yeah) I don't know if Morris owned, I think Morris owned some of that land in there, now, but, but see DeVon, and then, which boy was it, uhh, Doug's boy, Brian (Susan: Brian) that bought the place where DeVon lived (Susan: Oh, ok.) But they had, he, when he left they, they lost a lot of that.

Susan: Well, that's too bad.

Helen: I don't know, they always went in debt for everything.

Susan: Well, it's not a good way to do it.

Helen: Not according to the church, it's?? (I can't understand what she says there).

Susan: No, no, you, you did it the right way to pay for it as you go and not be in debt. That's good.

Helen: But then, like I say, they, him and the boys did all the work on all these places. But now the boys is, I don't know, they're not doin' too much farmin' right now, so I

Susan: I think farming's one of those things nobody does much anymore. They don't have so many dairies, they don't have.... Farms....

Helen: Yeah, I think they said there was what (Susan: farming) uhh, Morris, no let, old, Morris sold his out didn't he? Yeah (Susan: I think he did.) Which one is the one that's left? Oh, Merlin McKee's the only one that's got dairy farm (Susan: That's got a dairy, huh, ok) And I think they said one more besides that in Uintah, in the county here is all.

Susan: Really, that has a dairy farm?

Helen: All the dairy farms has gone out.

Susan: It wouldn't be down there in Lapoint, the Hartles or anything, would it? I don't know...

Helen: No, I think they went out of milk business a long time ago.

Susan: Long time ago. I wasn't sure what happened after Ken, umm Kenneth died.

Helen: Uh hum...yeah but they

Susan: But I hear cows down there, I just don't know...

Helen: Well, yeah, they, mo, well most of 'em went into the, the, (Susan: is it?) beef cows, yeah, beef (something I can't understand)

Susan: beef, oh that's probably what it is then.

Helen: They, they did that after they sold their, well, Morris' cattle are all out here in these fields now. The boys lease 'em (laughs) (Susan: Oh!) leased 'em to him for putting his cows (Susan: Oh, ok.) but ahh he sold out his milk herd and then I guess he must've bought some (coughs) black lookin' dai, er umm, beef cattle that he's got in there. (Susan: Ohhh) Yeah, they've been leasing out the places down here. (Susan: Ok...well.) Yeah, Richard owns 20 acr, well we kinda give each one a hunk of ground, (Susan: Oh, all right) (both laugh) so Richard owns 20 acres there and then Brent and, oh, well Gary did too, but I guess it's Brent's now; (Susan: ok) that, and then, but we still kept, well, no we only owe, own 7/10ths of an acre—just what our house is on.

Susan: oh, ok—well, I have an acre in LaPoint and it's an acre too much, nearly—ohh

Helen: Uh hum. Yeah, when it come to pay the taxes, huh?

Susan: Yeah, well, no I was thinking the weeds, (laughs).

Helen: Well, yeah.

Susan: I don't have as many nice uhh, lawns as you do ann...it's too much to take care of.

Helen: Well, we've uhh use irrigation water on our, he plants a, but your water out of the ditch to keep our (Susan: oh) our lawns going here, we don't use uhh, use the other water (Susan: Well, that's good!) And we don't know how much longer he's gonna be able to do that but he bought him a new riding lawn mower so he could keep all the weeds and the lawn....(Susan: Well, that good, yeah) That's what, what he enjoys riding (Susan: Yes!) if he can do that but he can't...(Susan: Then he's accomplishing some work too.) But his legs is getting slow; (Susan: Oh gee.) yeah, hard working man

all his life. He can't s...he's always got to go outdoors and do something every nice warm day.

Susan: Yeah, well that's what keeps you going, I think, is the fresh air and the exercise and things.

Helen: Well, now you heard the whole family history, I guess you can get out of it what you want.

Susan: Umm, I was going to check here and see if there is anything else I would like to, to find out. Umm, did you tell in that other La er, Tridell History about the schools, umm, I know you talked about the post office an...

Helen: Yeah, that's all in the, it's well, yeah I got a whole book on it, you want to take it?

Susan: Well, not, not necessarily. I'm just trying to think what we, what else we might cover.

Helen: (She went into another room and looked on some shelves as she was talking) Well, about the schools and post office. Well, umm, I usually refer myself back to my... history...that's not the one I wanted—wrong book. Oh I can't...oh, there it is. I've got the pictures an, an the stuff and it's all in this history book about Tridell History (Susan: oh, all right!) and it's got a lot of pictures of the older people an, that first came to Tridell. Now I can't see it at a normal, maybe (can't understand what she says)

Susan: Right! That's fine. Oh these have some nice...pictures. (Helen: Uh Umm) All right. Well, maybe, if you don't mind, I'll (Helen: Do you wanna...) look through this and see...

Helen: Well, you wanna take it with you and do something and give it back to me, I....

Susan: Ok, now some of this looks familiar, as far as the (Helen: Uh huhh) the typing... (Helen: Yeah, uh huh) and maybe even a few of the pictures, but...

Helen: Well, ann the, a lot of that I didn't get typed up about all, I still got, kept track of who's been the bishops in them, in the ward.

Susan: Bishops, oh that would be good to have.

Helen: Uh huh and some, and so some of 'em's hand written in there.

Susan: That's all right. It's very nice writing.

Helen: Oh yeah! an for left handed person, huh?

Susan: Oh, I wouldn't even have known you were left handed. It's not as obvious as a lot of 'em. Umm, tell me a little bit about the, the wards. Umm, I, I know you've got names here, but, uhh, maybe things that you did at church, or (Helen: Umm) I, I know they used to have things like the M-Men and Gleaners and different programs, ahh....

Helen: Yeah, yeah they did, did that in Mutual. They usually had a, M-Men and Gleaners usually had a, a oh, banquet or something like that. Oh, oh in the Relief Society, see I, I worked in the Relief Society for nine years with Lorna (McKee) (Susan: Oh, all right.) and that. I was in a counselor in the Relief Society, but we had, we did a lot of bazaars and, an parties an, oh what, the Elks Club, we uhh, sold uhh, the Elks Club came over to Tridell one time and we fixed, and bought, you know, we did a luncheon for the Elks Club (Susan: Oh, did you?) and they, an they paid so much, but th, that was when the Relief Society had to make their own money,

Susan: Oh, Ok.

Helen: for their, you know, to keep their, the Relief Society going and so... (Susan: financially) and we did a lot of bazaars when I was working in the Relief Society. All the time I was counselor in Relief Society I taught Primary though, 'cause Primary was on Wednesday. (Susan: Ohh!) Uhh, uhh Relief Society on Tuesday and Primary on Wednesday, so I taught, well I was a Counselor in the Primary for five years before I went into the Relief Society. (Susan: My goodness!) Well, and that tells in here on all the, whoop, all the jobs that we, that, that we (Susan: Oh, all right!) there's all listed in there the jobs in the church that we held. But, yeah, the Relief Society did uhh, oh I, and quilts. We always made a quilt on work day. (Susan: Oh) We did all kinds of quilts.

Susan: And then what did you do with the quilts?

Helen: Well, uhh, some of them, well we made a quilt for each, each lady in the ward furnished the material and we made a quilt for them and then we would uhh, quilt quilts for different people that wanted them quilted and charge them so much for quilting them (Susan: Oh, ok) for that, to make money for the Relief Society. (Susan: Oh, right.) And then uhh, uhh and then we made some for the, uhh to send out to the poorer people and whatever (Susan: Ok) all this. But it seemed like we was making quilts pretty near every work day on Relief Society and then, and then we'd get ready for our bazaars during our work meeting days on a Tuesday, that we held it all day. And we'd make aprons and dish towels and everybody worked on everything. I re, and then uhh, we was a doing some old quilts, er some quilts made of, out of old materials or something,

Susan: Oh, uh huh

Helen: you know, one time, and a lot of people brought some old, oh pants er coats or something and we was cutting 'em and Ethel Goodrich took her coat off in there, it was quite an old coat, (Susan: Ahh) and the first thing you know somebody cut it (Susan: Oh nooo! (They both laugh.) And she donated to the quilt ;) Yes (Susan: unbeknownst to her.) Well, I guess it deserved to be in the quilt after all these years. She could afford...

Susan: Poor dear, that's too bad. Ohh...

Helen: (Something I can't quite understand) We all felt so bad, (Susan: I'll bet!) but they'd come lay 'em on the table and I guess she just laid it...(Susan: She thought it was the coat rack.) used, oh uhh, men's pants, an coats an we was making these quilts, heavy quilts, winter for, I guess we sold quite a few of 'em too. (Susan: Well) So that's what we did in Relief Society. And then taught Primary class; I taught every Primary ther, er class there was in the Primary through the years. I was uhh, a counselor in the Primary when they started the Cub Scout program. (Susan: Oh, that's a job!) so I was over that, yeah.

Susan: Scouting's quite the organization.

Helen: They brought the Cub Scouts into Primary. (Susan: Ohh) And then later years, I spent eight years in the library when, after they rebuilt the church house up here and we, they built in the new library, why I, I was the head librarian and we got, had, had to get it all set up, so I an, and my sister, Elma Wallace, and Vida McKee worked in there for eight years and set that up and then (Susan: Oh) and then we st, worked there for eight years (Susan: Oh, wow) but back then we did all the, kinds of lesson for all the cl, Primary class. Now they don't have to do all that we did. (Susan: Yeah) We, we did all the cut outs and (Susan: Oh) we'd go in on Tuesday and work till, on Tuesday morning about nine and work till noon to get all that done for the classes for the next week.

Susan: Oh my word!

Helen: And so I spent eight years in there and by the time I got out of there I was getting so I couldn't see too good. (Susan: Oh my!) So, let's see, well let's see. I was secretary in the Relief Society after that too, I think, or something like that. I don't know, we was busy in the church all the time.

Susan: You've done a lot, that's for sure.

Helen: Uh huh, and Farrell, he, that's what he did when they was doing the welfare program, they had an, they had a welfare farm. (Susan: Uh huh) Farrell did all the irrigating on that farm for 'em, (Susan: Oh) too (Susan: Besides his own) yes. And then

he held all the different positions in the church too. He was uhh, president of the Sunday School, I think, twice. I don't know; he's got it, I, it's all written down.

Susan: In his history, all right, we'll refer to his history.

Helen: And then he, he was ward clerk for seven years, an then he was in the bishopric counselor for, for four years so here I am sittin' down in church with a half a dozen little kids....(Susan: Ohhh, yes) for eleven years.

Susan: Oh my goodness, well...(Helen says something laughing that I can't understand) I'm sure you did a good job with them in the (Helen: so yeah we) in the church.

Helen: We're not the uhh, we're not, we're not preachers. He was never a preacher but he was the worker.

Susan: Right! Well that's important too, so....

Helen: What br.. Well my boys are that way, they're not really outspoken in church. They know everything and that but...they just don't...

Susan: Some of us don't like to be on the spotlight.

Helen: I know. That's me; I get my tongue all twisted up when I try to (Susan: can't think) do something like that. (Susan: Yeah.) I sit back there and answer the questions and Mike McKee hears me sometimes. (Susan: Oh) His back is... yeah? You said that, didn't you? (Susan: Yeah, well see.) When he's teaching the Sunday School class, but (Susan: Well, that's good! Well...) Farrell, (Susan: you just...) yeah, he worked a lot in the agriculture, what you call it, a over Vernal, in the what you call it department for the county, a lot and then he was a ohh, what you call it, in the coop, Uintah, when they had it in Roosevelt, lo Farmer's, Uintah Farmer's Un, Coop, Cooperative, or something. He was one of the directors in that, an then he was, worked and that, he worked on a lot of different, and then when they built the road and graveled it here, why down here, over the hill, they uhh, uhh had a machine that cho, cut up through, what do you call it? Well, he operated it for 'em to do that, (Susan: Oh my) too, for the county, and so did a lot of work around, you know, different, in different organizations in the

Susan: In the county too

Helen: in the county, an helped with oh, kids in school, do all their projects, an we did, you know, and all that. Our life has been a full life, I guess.

Susan: It has and you've got a wonderful family. I'll, I'll certainly agree with that, just terrific...family.

Helen: Yeah, I don't know what we'd do without 'em now. They all call, Mom, we're goin' to town today. What do you need?

Susan: Yeah. How nice!

Helen: Yeah, and then Bob he's, he's retired. He retired from Moon Lake Electric. (Susan: Oh) You know, he retired a year ago. So (Susan: I didn't know that.) so he's the one that's been taken' us around because neither one of us can drive, you know, (Susan: uh huh) so, so he's the one that's had to take us to the doctor's offices if we'd, course I haven't been back to the doctor in four years.

Susan: Oh, well you're good--not to have to go.

Helen: Farrell's had a few problems that he had to, but neither one of us had, have high blood pressure or anything that we need medication for.

Susan: Oh, that's wonderful.

Helen: And then Rossa's really good to, they're, all bring us some food, different, an they all check on us to see if we're all right.

Susan: Well, it sounds, sounds like you don't need anything really, everybody takes good care of you.

Helen: Yeah, they keep an eye on us. They, Richard called me from work out there and he said, "I'm out here." I said, "What are you doin'?" " Well, waiting while I gotta put this stuff down that drilling, that hole they're drilling." (Susan: Oh) He called me today (Susan: so...) and he called me, oh, he calls me every day or two while he's out there working, on his cell phone.

Susan: Oh, that's good!

Helen: To see if we're ok. Rossa had to go to the doctor yesterday. She was really sick. I don't know.

Susan: Oh, I think you two are healthier than lots of your kids and grandkids.

Helen: And you'd think that, right now.

Susan: I, I think that's true of some of the older generation. My parents are quite healthy an...

Helen: Are they? They're, how old are they now?

Susan: My father's 86 and my mother's 83, so...

Helen: Uh hum, my age, huh?

Susan: Yeah, yeah.

Helen: Yeah, Farrell was seven years older, that's the reason, but after we got married and they got acquainted with him a little better, they thought he was the best guy in the world.

Susan: I'm sure of it. Yeah, they were glad you married him.

Helen: Uh huh.

Susan: Yeah. Well, I think you've given me some great information. I've thoroughly enjoyed this interview.

Helen: Well, people better not come to me; I tell 'em everything.

Susan: No, that's great! We wanna know all these fun things so—unless you have anything else you'd like to add, maybe we....

Helen: I don't, I don't know. Susan: I'm not sure...Helen: I'm gettin' so I can't remember none of th.. can't think of names and places, gets me sometimes.

Susan: Well, I'm getting to close to that myself.

Helen: So, that's all I can tell you, I guess.

Susan: All right. Well, we'll go ahead and conclude then and thank you very much!

Helen: You can take out of it for what you want and then I don't know, what, what - you just put it on tape in the...

Susan: Yes, we will, we'll uhh, make a CD of this and then we'll type it up and give you a (Helen: uh, ok) copy of it.

Helen: Well, it, thi, a lot of this stuff is told better in here; (Susan: all right) in our, in our histories in here and Farrell's got a really, I don't, he wrote, I don't know, he never had a education—he only went to eighth grade, but what he wrote in his history is really good and how he wrote it and everything and it tells a lot about when they lived up to Deep Creek and how bad off the family was. They 'bout starved to death a few times an, all the problems he had when he was herding sheep, I don't know how he ever lived through a lot of that.

Susan: Oh, well that's good to have then, and if that's in there, then we'll, we'll make a copy of that and include that.

Helen: Course on my history, I kept journals and I only wrote up to where Peggy was born in there and I didn't write any more in that and it didn't tell about the rest of the kids I told you that was born. (Susan: Right) An so you got that in there.

Susan: Well, that'll give us a little update then on it. (Helen: Uh huh) All right. Well I'm gonna go ahead a stop it then and thank you very much.

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